

GOVERNMENT OF MANITOBA

INVITATION TO TENDER

NO. FOR-274B-06/07

TO

Provide two (2) aerial spray aircraft (Air Tractor AT-602 or equivalent), one (1) aerial guidance aircraft (Cessna 337 or equivalent), and professional Aerial Spraying/Guidance Services, for the control of budworm, during the tentative five (5) periods of:

1. May 1 through July 31, 2006.
2. May 1 through July 31, 2007.
3. May 1 through July 31, 2008.
4. May 1 through July 31, 2009.
5. May 1 through July 31, 2010.

Flat Hourly rates are also requested for other flying activities that may occur during the fiscal year (April 1 to March 31, annually) i.e. technology trials.

Pilot and GPS/GIS personnel must be qualified; and the aerial spray and guidance aircraft must be fully operational and maintained by the Bidder; and be exclusively available to Manitoba Conservation during the term of the contract in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the tender document.

To be eligible to bid:

Tenders for this work will be accepted only from Transport Canada approved Aerial Spray Operators who are in possession of a current and valid Air Carrier Licence and associated Operating Certificate, Airworthiness Certificate. Pilots must hold a valid Aerial Pesticide Applicators License.

Tenders must be submitted in the name of the Operator listed on the Operating Certificate. Pilots must have flown a minimum of 1000 hours of aerial spraying.

ISSUED BY:

The Government of Manitoba
Department of Conservation
Forestry Branch
200 Saulteaux Crescent
Winnipeg, Manitoba R3J 3W3

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Submission Deadline: 12:00 noon prevailing Winnipeg time February 8, 2006

Tenders received after the above submission deadline will not be accepted and will be returned to the Bidder unopened.

Tenders will be opened in public immediately after the time set for receiving tenders. Lowest tender not necessarily accepted.